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Fire Cadets Graduate

Nine Broken Arrow Fire Department cadets graduated Friday from the first ever Tulsa-Broken Arrow joint academy.

The cadets began training back in September and after months of discipline and hard work, they will now return to their respective city fire departments and begin a “probationary” period as rookies.

Recently, Oklahoma State University phased out its education programs for firefighters making it a challenge for area cities to train their own. Broken Arrow is finishing the second of three phases of its own Police and Fire Training Center. When the Tulsa Fire Department was making preparations to begin its academy last summer, officials from the two departments began discussing the possibility of having a joint training program. Leaders from both departments call this year’s venture a tremendous success.

The nine cadets from Broken Arrow include John Doggett, Trent Harris, Lucas Johnson, Nathan Kinsey, Tony McGill, Jarod Moore, Jerrod Mullins, William Thummel, and Andrew Whimple.

The City of Broken Arrow began advertising this week for a new class of firefighters, with written examinations scheduled for March 5-6. For more information, visit:

http://www.brokenarrowok.gov/our-citizens/departments/job_opportunities.htm

Filing for Council Posts Opens Monday

Filing for the three Broken Arrow City Council seats on the April 3rd ballot will begin next week.

Interested candidates may file at the Tulsa County Election Board, 555 N. Denver, in Tulsa from 8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5th through 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7th. Once a candidate has filed, he or she may pick up a packet of information from the Broken Arrow City Clerk's office in City Hall (220 S. First Street).

Council seats on the ballot will be those from Wards 3 and 4, as well as the At-Large seat. Tom Chatterton, Judi Myers and Wade McCaleb currently hold those seats.

Candidates must have been a registered voter in that ward for at least six months prior to filing for the position. The At-Large candidate may live anywhere in the city limits, but must have been a registered voter here for at least six months prior to filing.

For a detailed map showing all of the City's wards, go to the City website at www.brokenarrowok.gov, then to the "citizens" section of the site, "government" and "running for election."

'Polar Plunge' Preps Underway

The Broken Arrow Police Department has issued the challenge, and it's been answered by the BA Fire Department, Tulsa Police Department and Owasso Police Department. All will be raising funds for the Oklahoma Special Olympics Saturday, Feb. 17th, in the "Polar Plunge" at the Broken Arrow Bass Pro Outdoor World's pond.

Teams entered in the event will take turns in a tug-of-war which will end with the loser being pulled into what is expected to be some very cold water. Similar Polar Plunges will be held at the Bass Pro Shop in Oklahoma City and the Arrowhead Resort along the Illinois River near Tahlequah.

Team members contribute an entry fee, and help raise additional donations before the action starts at 11 a.m.

‘One Toe in the Grave’ Comes to BACP Stage February 9th

“One Toe in the Grave” will be presented by the Broken Arrow Community Playhouse, starting Feb. 9th at the BACP Theatre in The Main Place, 1800 S. Main.

Performances of the Jack Sharkey comedy will be held Feb. 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17th, all starting at 8 p.m. There will be a Sunday matinee Feb. 18th at 2 p.m.

Charles Mutch is directing the production – his debut as a director for the BACP. “One Toe in the Grave” is a fun comedy of errors about an aspiring executive who creates a fictional wife with an incurable illness to facilitate his climb to the top of the corporate ladder.

Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens, \$9 for students and \$6 for children 12 and under. For tickets or more information, call the BACP offices at 258-0077, or visit their website at www.bacptheatre.com.